

## Decatur County Middle School Dress Code

- 1. If jeans/dress slacks have holes, tears, patches, or frays (above the kneecap) leggings must be worn underneath the clothing. Pants must have loops for a belt if needed.**
2. Jeans, dress slacks, dress shorts, skirts and dresses are acceptable. Shorts and skirts must be of the same material as jeans or slacks and be no shorter than (2) inches above the knee. Dresses must meet the requirements laid out for shirts. **If leggings are worn, the sweater or dress must be no shorter than two inches above the knee. No sleeveless shirts unless they are a dollar bill wide.**
3. All jeans, slacks, and dress shorts will be worn at the waist line. Skirts will also be worn at the waistline. No straps or chains can hang from pants. **No sweatpants or athletic shorts of any kind can be worn. On ROAR Days or Activity Wear Days when athletic wear can be worn, shorts must be worn over the leggings.**
4. T-shirts may be worn; any shirt or sweatshirt that exceeds the length of a traditional back pants pocket must be tucked in.
5. All other shirts must be crew neck, button up, or polo. All buttons on shirts must be buttoned with the exception of the top two buttons.
6. No scoop neck, low-cut blouses, may be worn unless a crew neck t-shirt is worn underneath. **If skin is showing at the chest, it should not be worn.**
7. No muscle shirts may be worn.
8. Earrings may be worn in the ears. No other visible body piercing jewelry will be allowed.
9. The following attire is not acceptable: clothing with drug, alcoholic beverage, or tobacco logo or name; clothing with obscene, crude, profane, or threatening language or insignias; or anything that the teacher and/or principal may deem inappropriate. No clothing that is associated with gangs or hate groups will be allowed.
10. Students will not wear the following: dog type collars, hats, sunglasses, hair picks, hair brushes, hair combs, wallet chains or belt chains, or teeth coverings.
11. As a result of COVID-19, if a child wears a mask or if it's mandated, the mask will follow the same guidelines as what is worn on clothes.

**When in doubt do not wear that particular article of clothing.**

Punishment for violations will follow the Discipline Plan with consequences progressively increasing.